



Parish News



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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

Price 60p

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Vicar's letter

Why I Love The Vicar of Dibley

Because it makes me laugh and that is good for the soul.

Because we can identify the characters with people we know, but never think they are us.

Because Mrs Crockley's wonderful cakes, like orange with Branston pickle icing, reminds me of being presented with a pink beetroot fairy cake by a parishioner in my last parish.

Because when we watch her impersonating Darcey Bussell or talking to her picture of Robbie Williams (placed carefully next to one of Jesus) or attempting to find love, we know the vicar is as mad as the rest of them.

Because celebrities such as Kylie Minogue and Johnny Depp turn up at the vicarage and so I always open my door expectantly...

Because in David Horton it shows that people are capable of change.

Because it reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously.

Because Geraldine still loves the people of Dibley, despite their failings.

Because the people of Dibley still love Geraldine, despite her failings.

Because very different people are bound together by something much stronger than class, politics or education.

Because there are 'Dibley' moments in all churches and not just village ones.

Because it reminds me why I love the church and the joy of being part of it.

Because it shows that behind seemingly insane ideas can be love and community and Christ.

Tewin: We hope to parachute teddies off the church tower as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations on Sunday 16th September.

Datchworth: There will be a Pet Service on Sunday 28th October at 11:15am. Bring your pets (or photo of them) for a service of praise and blessing and bedlam.

Dibley? Here?

Susannah



Churchwardens' Notes

A couple of maintenance jobs were carried out in August. Firstly, Pete took the 15 teak folding chairs, stored near the book shelf, to Audrey's garage. (Thank you for the use of the garage, Audrey!). Pete has re-oiled them to keep them in good condition and enhance their appearance. They are now all back and ready for service. The second job was the removal of the long-standing stains and other marks on the South Altar table. This was carried out by Bill Down (who made the candlesticks that sit on the table). It has had four coats of a protective finish and will hopefully withstand future wear and tear.

On 30th September there is a national event called '*Back to Church Sunday*'. Although we do not officially register with the national organisation, it is an occasion when, as ever, you would be most welcome at St Peter's, particularly if you are an infrequent visitor. Additionally it is an occasion when you might like to bring with you friends or neighbours who do not usually attend church but may have done so in the past. You will be assured of a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits at the end of the service!

Since Pete rediscovered the Sabine Family Vault in the churchyard, we have been giving consideration to the future of the Sabine Memorial which sits in the south porch. We have now arranged for an accredited conservator to prepare a report on its condition, any necessary remedial work, and the possible re-location to its original site on the Family Vault. Thankfully, grants are available for both the cost of the report and any renovation work. We are very grateful to Dorothy Swann for taking on the job of accessing grants.

Our search continues for a solution to our need for space adjacent to the church for the use of children during service times and for other social purposes. Back in 1991, plans had been developed for a space adjacent to the south porch but the cost was seen as excessive at the time. In 2007, we investigated the re-installation of a ringing floor in the Tower, with glazed screening in the archway and extending to the north door. In 2008, we requested a visit from the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Their report supported some form of structure around the south porch. Consideration of this area will be helped when we have a clearer idea of our options regarding the Sabine Memorial. Of course, the justification of expenditure, especially at the present time, will be very much in our minds.

We hope that you will be able to join us at St Peter's on 2nd September for the last in this year's series of Summer Evensongs (followed by a glass of wine!).

Pete and Mike

Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike, Sat. 8/9/2012 10am-6pm



Once again we shall be cycling to each of the Welwyn Team Churches and are looking for sponsors. Our sponsor form is on a clipboard at the back of the Church by the font. 50% of the amount we raise will come directly to St Peter's, Tewin and the remaining money used by the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust in grants to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their Church or Chapel.

Many thanks in advance. Nicky & Hector Hadley

Sponsor forms available from **David Rawlins** on **01438 717552** or for more details, you can visit **www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk**



Announcing a Jazz Concert
at St Mary's Church, Hitchin, Saturday 20th October at 7.30pm

Performers are Andrei, Thomas and Elaine who played to a full house in St Peters Church in May, plus Ben on guitar and Chris on drums

Tickets priced at Adults - £12, Students under 18 - £4
 are available from Ruth & Ted Sharp, 60 Orchard Road, Tewin AL6 0HN
 01438 798 594 or edward.sharp@zen.co.uk

Olympic Ringing

On Friday 27th July there was a national initiative to ring bells of any kind at 08:12 to mark the start of the Olympic Games.

The bell ringers of St Peters decided to join in before they went on their annual outing this year to Norfolk.

The ringers were David Rawlins, William Grimwade, Mark Hall, David Hall, Julie Grimwade and Susan Hall.



Tewin Bellringers' Outing



On Friday 27th July the bell ringers ventured to Norfolk for their annual outing. We were staying at The Old Rectory, Crostwick, about 5 miles from Wroxham on the Norfolk Broads. There were 17 of us in total, including Audrey's son-in-law and grandson. On the Friday evening we all gathered in Susan and David's room to watch the Olympics opening ceremony, but couldn't make it past 11pm. On Saturday morning we made our way to St Mary & St Andrew's Church at Horsham St Faiths. This was an upstairs ring of 6. It was quite a climb to the ringing chamber, and the bells were very loud. Next stop was All Saints Church Marsham, an upstairs ring of 8 bells, entering the ringing chamber through the floor - the trap door had to be closed during ringing. Our next tower was a first for us, an upstairs ring of 10 bells. We were expecting a parking issue as a market should have been going on, but that was not the case. The ringing chamber was huge. The tenor (the heaviest bell) was 17cwt and took two people to ring it up. The ten were nice to ring and after a lot of hard work we went on to lunch at the Goat Inn in Skeyton. Our pre-ordered food was waiting for us. After a good lunch we went on to St Andrew's Church, Felmingham. This was an upstairs ring of 8 with an extra bell. These were also nice to ring. By now we were starting to think that all the ringers in the area were vertically challenged as the ropes were very long, and at our next church in Buxton, Adam, Audrey's grandson, rang on his knees! Our last church was a ring of 6 at Wroxham. By now we were beginning to flag and the hot weather didn't help. A wash and brush up later we had a lovely meal at the hotel. After a good breakfast we went to Mundesley beach. As Jill and Phil had brought their dog, Lol, we went to the dog zone of the beach. The weather was hot, sunny and hardly any breeze. We made camp and Lol had a wonderful time chasing the waves. In fact Jill had to fetch her back from the dog free zone.



The teenagers started to dig a hole. When they were little they loved to make the hole bigger than themselves. This time proved very difficult as they're now well over 5ft tall. William, well armed with a garden spade, managed to reach the water table and had his own paddling pool. Some were brave enough to swim in the sea, others just paddled. We had a lovely picnic lunch, which Jill and Julie went to get. By about 2pm we could see black clouds gathering. There was rain out at sea, very black clouds, rain, thunder and lightning either side of us, but beautiful sunshine on us. As the clouds moved closer, we decamped and went back to the car park for a cup of tea and a selection of home-made cakes. Graham and Mark tried to fly kites. We thought it a bit risky with lightning around us. By about 4pm the clouds had reached us and we could no longer escape the rain. As we all made our way home, we passed the motorcade carrying Michelle Obama to Mildenhall air base. We had a really good weekend and the weather was kind to us this year.



Friends of Tewin

Our trip to Windsor was a great success, aided by the lovely weather. It was so peaceful on the boat trip to Windsor, watching the wildlife, lovely houses and gardens on the way.

Arriving at lunchtime everyone drifted off to do their own thing, but I know one or two managed to visit the castle and two people actually did the 'long walk' from the castle.

We have now had the *Classic Car and Craft Show* and hope you were able to attend. More news next month but pictures of the day are on Tewin Website if you have access.

Please put Tuesday 16th October 2012 in your diaries, when the Friends of Tewin will be holding their annual Coffee Morning in Tewin Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



'Screen on the Green' Tewin presents

Monday, 17th September at 7.45pm, Tewin Memorial Hall

'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' 1970 PG [1hr 36 mins]



This 1970s film adaptation of the classic Broadway show, has George Segal as a stuffy author entering an explosive relationship with his neighbour Barbara Streisand. He is appalled by her lifestyle, she is turned off by his prudishness; both are made for each other.

Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee and biscuits, included in the price. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale, or bring your own wine and glasses please!

Tickets £4, from Tewin Stores or reserve on line from sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk



Manager: **Bev Barraclough 01438 717929**

The café has been very busy these last few weeks as people visit the shop while the weather has been good. The courtyard paving has been laid making it more accessible for pushchairs and people with walking difficulties. The plants have all taken root and are flourishing, 'so everything in the garden is lovely'. Bev is back from her Olympic duties and we are slowly getting back to normal.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked extra hours - it was much appreciated.



Registered Charity 1139096

Our Village Pre-School

Group Leader: **Sarah Storey**

Tel: 01438 716132

Email: tewinunderfives@hotmail.com

As our Summer term was much wetter than usual the children had more indoor time, leading to an explosion of arts and crafts with the Olympic theme featuring predominantly. The end of term always has mixed emotions - older children leaving for primary school while the younger ones remain for the Autumn term. The children put on a beautiful display of song and dance, ensuring there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

We had another successful fundraising year with nearly £1,500 raised for the preschool. We bought a new computer and child appropriate keyboard, educational computer games, outdoor equipment, a parents/staff notice board and many more educational toys. A huge thanks to all who supported the preschool during the school year.

The preschool's AGM is on Weds 10th October at 7.30pm in the Plume of Feathers, when the new 2012/13 Committee will be announced. Thank you to Debbie Kirby and Debbie Ansell, outgoing Chair and Treasurer, for their contribution in the last 3 years.

We would like to wish our children moving on to primary school all the very best in their new schools. We will miss them very much at Under Fives but know that they'll have a wonderful time at 'big' school.

We hope everyone had a relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming our children back on 4th September.



Yoga classes

Hello, I'm Charlotte, a Wheel of Yoga accredited teacher. I teach Yoga on Mondays 9.30-10.45am and Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall. For more details please ring **07989 331270** or e-mail callam@hotmail.com

Charlotte Allam



Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club – Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the **July 2012** draw

1 st	£63	E Lyons, Orchard Road	2 nd	£38	S Hayden, Godfries Close
3 rd	£13	W Horsman, Harwood Close	3 rd	£13	S North, Upper Green Road

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546] or lisa.bove@btinternet.com
Tewin Stores or any member of the Hall Committee

Iyengar Yoga Class

I hold this class in the **Tewin Pavilion**, Upper Green, on Fridays 12noon -1.30pm during term time, starting on 5th October 2012. This is in addition to the Monday morning Wheel of Yoga class held in the MemorialHall.

Please contact Eleanor Lohr on 01438 717709 or eleanorlohr@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Memorial Hall relies heavily on hirers to keep it open for the benefit of the village - not only those who hire for Weddings, Parties etc, but the weekly groups providing varied activities enjoyed by the village. All these groups need your support – if not, it's a case of 'USE IT OR LOSE IT'!

So now the Olympics are over, perhaps you are inspired to get fitter, or try some sport? If so, why not go along to one of the events held in the Memorial Hall each week – there are varied activities and perhaps one may suit you? For example, why not join one of the Badminton sessions, or try your hand at Yoga, or improve your fitness at a Body Conditioning session? Alternatively, you can tap into your creative side by going along to the weekly Art Class or, if you're over 50 – why not join our popular Over 50's Club where you can enjoy a number of activities, make friends and generally have fun?

If you're interested in any of the above, here are the people to contact:

Badminton	Tues	7.30-9.30am	Meryl Springall	07717763007
Badminton	Weds	6 - 7pm	David Howson	01438 717339
Badminton	Weds	7 - 9.30pm	Jane Warehand	01438 717581
Badminton	Thurs	8 - 10pm	Mavis Haggard	01438 798611
Badminton	Friday	8 - 9.30pm	Barbara Coombes	01707 320605
Yoga	Mon	9.30-10.45am	Charlotte Allam	07989331270
Yoga	Thurs	6.30 - 7.45pm	Charlotte Allam	As above
Body Conditioning	Tues	6 - 7pm	Carolyn White	01992 509619
Art Class	Tues	2 - 4.15pm	Audrey Walters	01438 717202
Over 50's Club	Thurs	1.30 - 4pm	Ann Kevis	01438 717473

Also of course, other important users of the Hall are:

Tewin Tots	Tina Coville	07766407317	tina@tewintotspreschool.co.uk
"	Claire Mason	07910 361175	clairemason@hotmail.com
Parents & Toddlers	Kelly Randhawa		kelvision@hotmail.com
Under 5s Group	Claire Penstone-Smith	01438 742737	Claire.penstone-smith@sky.com

All the above are important contributors to the Memorial Hall, with its excellent facilities, so please make full use of them in order to safeguard its future.

Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY



Saturday 15th September – Autumn Show

The Autumn Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall and will contain exhibits in flower arranging, flowers, vegetables & fruit, arts & crafts, photography and culinary. It is a great showcase of local skills and abilities in all of these categories, so please come along and support your village show.

Admission will be free of charge. Doors open to the public at 2:15pm, after the judging has taken place. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm.

There is still time for you to exhibit at the show. You can get a Show Schedule from Tewin Stores or the THACS page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk Please ensure your completed entry forms and fees are delivered by Sunday 9th September to Ray Keppler, THACS Show Secretary, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE, telephone 01438 717545. Please take entries to the hall between 8.30am-10.30am on the day of the show.



Saturday 27th October - Art & Crafts Fair and Sale ...

... will take place in Tewin Memorial Hall on **Saturday 27th October** with a wide range of items for sale all will be hand-crafted by the stallholders. Would you like a stall, or a share of a stall? If so, please contact:

Hilary Tipping, 16 Lower Green, Tewin, Hertfordshire, AL6 0LB
01438 718700 or email hilary.tipping@talk21.com

giving your name, contact details and the type of work you wish to display and sell. If you have any friends or colleagues who might be interested in having a stall, please bring this to their attention. There will be a minimal charge to cover the cost of the Hall, but all profits will go to the stallholders.

The Tewin Society Award

It's time for you to start thinking whom to nominate for the 2012 Tewin Society Award.

Nominations must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin. The award is a way of thanking and honouring volunteers for their work which benefits us all.

Nomination forms will be available from 1st September at Tewin Stores, Tebbutts, or by downloading from www.tewinvillage.co.uk

The Committee evaluates the nominations purely on information on the forms and the supporting material, so do supply as much relevant information as you can. Any evidence known personally by a Committee member is never discussed or used in the evaluation and selection. The Committee is totally impartial, carrying out the desires of the old Tewin Society, who funded the shield. Please submit your nominations **before 30th November**.

Ray Keppler, Chairman, Tewin Society Award Committee



In Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Ann Moon, 45 Bishops Road, Tewin

On Friday, 28th September, I shall be hosting a coffee morning from 10.30am until 12 mid-day. There will also be a raffle along with a 'Bring & Buy' stall. Please come along!

Operation Christmas Child 2012 Shoe Box Appeal

Last year Operation Christmas Child were able to send nearly 1.1 million wrapped shoeboxes to needy children in 14 countries across the world where parents struggle to feed and clothe their children. Tewin sent 186 of them. Toys and toiletries are in very short supply, some children can't attend school without pens and paper. A woolly hat can cause such delight or a small car played with for years, even when the wheels fall off!

If you are interested please contact me for a leaflet, complete with instructions. You can also donate and gift aid securely on-line at www.samaritanspurse.co.uk.com

Thank you for your continued interest.

Jackie Beadle. jackie@jbeadle.plus.com 01438 798 247



Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme

- 5th September Linda Kingscott - 'The Green Man and Friends' Competition
3rd October - Stevenage Ladies remember!
7th November Gill McGregor - 'Winter is Nigh'



We meet 1st Wednesday each month, The Civic Centre, Welwyn AL6 9ER at 7.30pm
Visitors/new members always welcome. Enquiries/Tickets 01438 798611 — Visitors £5

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Plans for our sensory garden are progressing and we very much appreciate the advice from Kim Wilde. Kim's father, Marty Wilde, was a very active patron of the original Danesbury Appeal, raising the money to enable the building of the present Danesbury in 1993. Kim's expertise will be put to very good use and we hope to have the project completed by Spring 2013 for the patients to enjoy.

Opportunely, the Friends received a £1,764 donation from Datchworth Open Gardens. We will use this to help finance the sensory garden. We are enormously grateful for their generosity and delighted to be able to use this money in such an appropriate way.

Recently there have been press reports about the bogus collection of unwanted clothes. Unscrupulous agents have been passing themselves off as charities then selling the clothes. Be assured that anything donated to our charity will be for our exclusive benefit. Our shops sell only goods donated to us and all proceeds to the Friends.

Advance Notice: On 23rd October the Friends hold their **Annual General Meeting**. All who have an interest in our work will be most welcome. More details next month.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514
E-mail: danburyqvm@btconnect.com www.danesburyqvm.co.uk



ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield Forthcoming events supporting your local Hospice



Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500

Tues. 11th September: Annual Meeting, 7.30pm at Van Hage Garden Centre

Sun. 16th September: 9am-4pm, 'Chain Walk'

A series of 17 simultaneous circular morning walks, 5 to 20 miles long, pub lunch and an experienced leader. Can you help marshal? Ring Maria Alexander on **01707 382500**.

Tues. 9th October; 30th Anniversary Lunch, 12.15-3pm, Brocket Hall

Thanks Jan Leggetter for organising this celebration Lunch. For tickets and details call fundraising on **01707 382500**.

Thurs. 25th October; Charity Golf Day: 8am-6.30pm, Brocket Hall

Entry fee is £500 for a fourball. Including coffee and bacon baguettes on arrival. Shotgun Start with a Team Stableford Competition followed by a meal, prize giving and auction. To book your place or for more information call Fundraising on **01707 382500**

Sat. 10th November; Christmas Market at the Riding School, Hatfield House

50% of proceeds to go to Isabel Hospice. More information to follow.



Tewin Parish Council



New Councillor

Mr Nick Moore has been co-opted on to the Parish Council. He is a qualified Quantity surveyor and has lived in Tewin for a year. He would like to ensure that the area remains peaceful and relatively undeveloped for the benefit of the residents whilst taking advantage of any opportunities to improve Parish amenities. He has extensive experience in the house building business, budgeting, commercial issues, building, planning, section 106 contributions, dealing with councils and all types of people.

Faster broadband

After intervention by the Parish Council, *BT Openreach* was able to complete the installation of a new cabinet providing super fast broadband to the lower end of the village.

Development at Garage Site to the Rear of 17-28 Grass Warren Demolition of garages and clearance of associated land. Erection of 1no 4 bed detached house, 4no 3 bed semi detached houses and 3no 2 bed bungalows.

Tewin Parish Council held open display of the plans for this application on 6th August 2012. About 30 parishioners attended and discussed their views and some left written comments. The Parish Council agreed at their extraordinary meeting on 6th August to recommend refusal of the application in its present form.

Their objections ranged from dismay at the narrowness of the access for cars, refuse and delivery lorries etc, insufficient turning space, no room for a pedestrian and a car/lorry to pass each other, the access way is a poorly made up track with utility services just under the surface of the track, the distance from the bungalows to their parking is contrary to Policy HSG6, design of the houses is not in keeping, insufficient detail about fencing proposals, lack of tree survey and lack of consideration for construction traffic access and parking.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is: **Monday 3rd Sept. 2012, in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm**

Parish Council minutes

Minutes of Council meetings, newsletters and dates of Parish Council meetings are published on the Tewin website, www.tewinvillage.co.uk The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting. Minutes are also displayed at Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and at the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256

Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969 E-mail - caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

East Herts District Councillors

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

Herts County Councillor: Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

Other Useful Numbers/Websites

Police Community Team: 01707-354192 – For non-emergency purposes

PCSO Karen Broad - 01992 533671

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes, flooding etc

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or **www.eastherts.gov.uk** - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, fly-tipping, fly-posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles

Environmental Health: Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning and Tree Preservation Orders.

Herts County Council: 01992-555555 or **www.hertsdirect.org**

Playground - report any damage, accidents or problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.